

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re application of:

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METHOD FOR MANAGEMENT ITEMS

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AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed January 4, 2007, please enter the following amendments and remarks:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 14 of this paper.